

UNIC Conference | 25-26 September 2023

Transitions and Transformations: The Future of the UNIC European University

FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1: Monday 25 September

VENUE: [Van Nelle Fabriek](#), Van Nelleweg 1, 3044 BC Rotterdam

TIME	PROGRAMME
08:30	Registration + Coffee
09:30	<p>Plenary Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Building a Brighter Tomorrow: Embracing the Evolution of European Universities</i> by Yağmur Kökden & Nina Alexandra Harbecke, UNIC Student Board Representatives- <i>Forging Synergies: Collaborative Community Growth</i> by Municipal Representative of Rotterdam- <i>Driven by Purpose: A Personal Journey and the Impact of UNIC</i> by Prof. Dr. Peter Scholten, Alliance Coordinator
10:00 – 10:15	COFFEE BREAK
10:15	<p>Plenary Session I: UNIC Showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Building the UNIC European University</i> by Dr. Jean van Sinderen-Law, University College Cork- <i>Achieving Inter-University Mobility</i> by Prof. Dr. Kornelia Freitag, Ruhr University Bochum- <i>Developing the Superdiversity Academy</i> by Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu, Koç University- <i>Creating Societal Impact through UNIC CityLabs</i> by Paula Comellas Angulo, Anca Teodosiu & Majorie Ranieri, University of Deusto, University of Liege & University of Oulu

	<p>- <i>Managing UNIC and Fostering Visibility through Communications</i> by Krish Raghav & Grace Yano, Erasmus University Rotterdam</p> <p>- <i>Working with, not for, society (UNIC4ER)</i> by Marco Aperti & Esther Chiama, Erasmus University Rotterdam</p>
11:30	<p>Plenary Keynote: <i>Leading the Way: Driving Innovation and Societal Engagement through UNIC</i></p> <p>- President of Erasmus University Rotterdam & Chair of the UNIC Leadership Board, Prof. Dr. Ed Brinksma</p>
11:45	LUNCH
13:30	<p>Plenary Session II: <i>Charting the Path Ahead: Unveiling the Vision for UNIC 2.0</i></p> <p>- Alliance Coordinator Prof. Dr. Peter Scholten, Daria Ratsiborinskaya, WP Leaders 2-6</p> <p>+ <i>Official signing of the UNIC 2.0 Partnership Agreement by UNIC Leadership Board (Rectors of all 10 universities)</i></p>
14:00	Parallel Breakout Sessions (+ coffee included)
	<p>Breakout 1: Fostering Innovative Approaches to Teaching and Mobility VENUE: TURELUUR, FLOOR 3</p>
	<p>Breakout 2: Shaping Resilient Urban Futures: UNIC Centre for City Futures VENUE: ARABICA, FLOOR 3</p>
	<p>Breakout 3: Strengthening Capacities for Future-Building Initiatives VENUE: KOFFIEFABRIEK, GROUND FLOOR</p>
	<p>Breakout 4: Building Communities of Researchers and Educators VENUE: ACHTER GLAS, FLOOR 2</p>
	<p>Breakout 5: Amplifying Impact: Effective Promotion, Communication and Dissemination Strategies VENUE: PIGGELMEE, FLOOR 3</p>

	Breakout 6: Navigating the Future: UNIC Management Board's Strategic Leadership VENUE: VIRGINIA, FLOOR 3
16:00	Return to <i>KOFFIEFABRIEK</i> Plenary Hall, Ground Floor
16:05	Plenary Session III: <i>Mobilizing for Action: Mapping Out the Roadmap for UNIC 2.0 Implementation</i>
16:30	Closing*
18:30 – 23:00	UNIC Dinner + Boat Party on the Ameland <i>Depart from: <u>Boompjes Ferry Terminal</u>, 3011 XC Rotterdam</i>

*For optional sessions and side-events, please refer to the [conference online schedule](#)

FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 2: Tuesday 26 September

VENUE: [Erasmus Building](#), Erasmus University Rotterdam Campus

TIME	PROGRAMME
08:30	Welcome and Networking
09:00	Plenary Session IV: <i>Engaging Thematic Lines across UNIC Part I</i> - Introduction to Thematic Lines, by Prof. Dr. Peter Scholten - Building Communities of Researchers and Educators, by WP5 – KU and Liège
09:30	Plenary Session V: <i>Engaging Thematic Lines across UNIC Part II</i>

09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advancing Innovative Teaching and Learning Strategies, by WP2 – Deusto, RUB - Shaping Resilient Urban Futures: UNIC Centre for City Futures, by WP3 – Oulu, UCC, MAU - Strengthening Capacities for Future-Building Initiatives, by WP4 Lodz, Zagreb - Amplifying Impact: Effective Promotion, Communication and Dissemination Strategies, by WP6 – EUR
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defining key outcomes of the discussion today; what do WPs expect from TLs, and what do TLs expect from WPs - Roadmap ahead; TL sessions, and road towards TL Action Plans to be presented in Lodz in December
11:00	COFFEE BREAK <i>(+ fan out to parallel breakout sessions)</i>
11:30	Optional Breakout Sessions (facilitated by UNIC 2.0 Thematic leads)
	Breakout 1: “Building Bridges: Connecting Research and Policies on Superdiversity & Inclusion in UNIC HEIs and Cities” VENUE: LANGEVELD 2.22
	Breakout 2: “Sustainability and Green Cities” VENUE: LANGEVELD 3.19
	Breakout 3: “Urban Resilience and Smart Cities” VENUE: LANGEVELD 4.19
	Breakout 4: “Justice, Security and Institutions” VENUE: LANGEVELD 4.08
	Breakout 5: “Entrepreneurial Learning for Innovation” VENUE: THEIL C2-3
	Breakout 6: “How urban environment characteristics modulate lifestyles” VENUE: POLAK 1-20
	Breakout 7: “Arts, Culture and Creativity” VENUE: SANDERS 1-13

12:55	RETURN TO ERASMUS BUILDING FOR FINAL PLENARY
13:00	Final Plenary
13:30	LUNCH (OPTIONAL)
14:15 – 16:00	<p>OPTIONAL: Exchange between UNIC’s Centres for Teaching & Learning</p> <p><i>“Erasmus’ Community for Learning & Innovation (CLI) targets this meeting at representatives of UNIC CTLs, but others interested in learning and innovation are also welcome. CLI will share and exchange insights and approaches on different topics such as Future Learning Spaces, the use of AI in education or experiences with online education. The session will also include a brief tour through the CLI Education Lab and studio (an optional drinks and/or dinner after the session is possible). See you at the Lab!”</i></p> <p>Venue: Polak Building, Erasmus University Rotterdam Campus</p>

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CONFERENCE LOCATIONS + CONTACTS

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18:30 Party Boat: Board at [Boompjes Ferry Terminal](#), 3011 XC Rotterdam

Day 2: Tuesday 26 September

08:30 [Erasmus Building](#), Erasmus University Rotterdam Campus

12:00 Breakout Sessions: [Erasmus University Campus Map](#)

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